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To Michael Powell, FCC Chair:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I'm writing in response to the recent media consolidation effort, the elimination of the "dual network" rule, and the soon to be eradicated "cross-ownership" rule. Media diversity should be the FCC's top priority. It is very much in the public interest to abstain from media consolidation, which would slant, distort, bias, and censor the news, at the local level. I must implore the FCC to disregard the subordinate business interests of the elite few at the top, so that the vast majority public can maintain essential, reliable, and more accurate news and information sources.

The homogenization of media outlets would also have an extremely adverse effect, because it would be carried out without the public's consent. The protection of the public interest is supposed to be the FCC's primary mission and focus. That mission would be negated, however, if there is any weakening or removal of the "cross-ownership" rule. Please, preserve the rule that prohibits cross-ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market. Thank you for your time on this important issue, and I anxiously and respectfully await your reply.

Sincerely,

Eli Ellsworth

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